

**IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
 )  
**APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULE** )  
 ) **Case No.**  
**FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CASES** )  
 )  
**IN PUTNAM COUNTY** )

**ORDER APPROVING PUTNAM COUNTY LOCAL RULE  
FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CONFLICT CASES**

The newly elected judge of the Putnam Circuit Court, requests the approval of an amended Local Rule establishing case assignment rules when the regular judge of the Putnam Circuit Court must recuse or otherwise withdraw from a case pending before said court. This local rule is proposed pursuant to ongoing conflicts resulting from the presiding judge's prior service Putnam County Prosecutor.

Upon examination of the proposed local rule, this Court finds that the adoption of this local rule is appropriate, and accordingly, should be approved. This Court further finds circumstances exist such that in the interests of judicial efficiency, this rule should be approved immediately and excepted from the requirements of Trial Rule 81.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that the local rule set forth as an attachment to this Order, is now approved, effective January 1, 2005.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Honorable Matthew L. Headley, Putnam Circuit Court, and to the Clerk of the Putnam Circuit Court.

The Clerk of the Putnam Circuit Court is directed to place a copy of this Order in the Record of Judgments for the Putnam Circuit Court and to post this Order for public examination.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2005.

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Randall T. Shepard  
Chief Justice of Indiana